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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Hiroki OGINO, et al.) : Examiner: Ryan M. Gleitz
Appln. No.: 10/718,703) : Group Art Unit: 2852
Filed: November 24, 2003) :
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METHODS) :

Commissioner for Patents
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Response to Restriction and Election of Species Requirement

Sir:

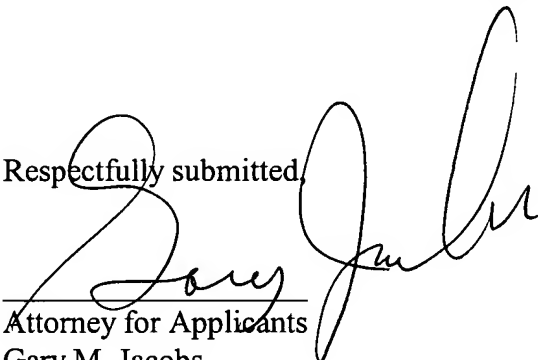
In response to the Restriction and Election of Species Requirement, Applicants elect with traverse, the invention of Group I, and Species A. Claims 1-6 are deemed to read on the elected invention and the elected species.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the Restriction and Election of Species Requirement. It is respectfully submitted that it is not mandatory for the Examiner to make a Restriction and Election of Species Requirement in every possible situation. In addition, it is earnestly believed that examination of all of the claims by one Examiner will best ensure that there will be uniform prosecution quality. Moreover, it is submitted that all of the claims can be searched by one Examiner without undue effort and that a duplicative search by

two Examiners may possibly produce inconsistent results. Further, it is believed that if one Examiner acts on all the claims of the present application, overall examining time will be less than if two Examiners are involved. Therefore, in the interest of prosecution quality and economy for both the Office and Applicants, withdrawal of the Restriction and Election of Species Requirement in this application is appropriate and is respectfully solicited.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,



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